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Abstract:

Summary form only given. We have developed and present here a prototype point-to-point wireless video system that has been implemented using a combination of commercial components and custom hardware. The coding algorithm being used consists of subband decomposition using low-complexity integer-coefficient filters, scalar quantization, and run-length and entropy codes. The prototype system consists of the following major components: spread spectrum radio with interface card and driver, compression board, and an NEC laptop and docking station which provide the PC bus slots and control. The compression algorithms are implemented on a board with a single 10000-gate FPGA. Prior to implementing the algorithms in hardware, a study was performed to resolve issues of word length and scaling, and to select quantization and run-length parameters. It was determined that 16-bit precision in the wavelet transform stage is sufficient to prevent underflow and overflow provided that rescaling of data is correctly performed. After processing by the FPGA, the compressed video is transferred to the PC for transmission over the radio. A commercial serial card (PI Card) provides a synchronous serial interface to the radio. The serial controller chip used by this card supports several serial protocols and thus the effect of these protocols on the data in a wireless environment can be tested.

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Jul 15, 2003

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6594721 B1

TITLE: Surprise hot bay swapping of IDE/ATAPI devices

Brief Summary Text (20):

Upon docking, a powered-up portable computer operating under a Plug and Play compliant operating system will recognize a new bus controller and its associated bus in the docking station and all peripheral devices that are inserted into bays on the new bus in the docking station, but only if the peripheral device is present (i.e., is inserted in a bay) at the time when the powered-up computer is docked with the docking station. For instance, if an operational portable is docked to a docking station containing a bus controller device, an inserted floppy disk drive and an inserted hard disk drive, the PnP compliant operating system will correctly detect and configure the additional bus controller device, as well as the inserted floppy and hard disk drives, even though the power to the portable was not reset and the portable was not restarted. The PnP compliant operating system will correctly enumerate and load device drivers, if necessary, for each device that is present on the newly added bus and will allow the devices to subsequently operate.

Brief Summary Text (29):

The portable computer system can connect to a docking station through a PCI bus docking connector. The docking station includes a number of bays controlled by a second IDE/ATAPI bridge device in the docking station. As the processor executes the detection process driver in the portable computer, the detection process driver identifies any devices present in the docking station after the portable computer docks with the docking station. The detection process driver can also recognize any IDE/ATAPI/FLOPPY devices that are inserted or removed into a bay of the docking station even if the devices are inserted after docking. After detecting insertion or removal of a peripheral device, the detection process driver informs the bridge device driver of the insertion or removal and the identity of the bay. The device driver identifies the peripheral device, writes the identity to a CMOS register, and calls a type specific driver and device specific driver for the device to permit communication between the device and a operating system executing on the portable computer CPU.

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APPL-NO: 09/ 515438 [PALM]

DATE FILED: February 29, 2000

PARENT-CASE:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS The following pending applications are incorporated herein by reference: 1. Ser. No. 09/515,436 entitled "Comprehensive Interface Between BIOS and Device Drivers to Signal Events" filed Feb. 29, 2000; 2. Ser. No. 09/074,767 entitled "Method and Apparatus for Adding or Removing Devices from a Computer System Without Restarting" filed May 8, 1998; 3. Ser. No. 09/515,566 entitled "Hot Docking Drive Wedge and Port Replicator" filed Feb. 29, 2000.

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ART-UNIT: 2181

PRIMARY-EXAMINER: Ray; Gopal C.

ASSISTANT-EXAMINER: King; Justin

ABSTRACT:

A system is disclosed for allowing surprise insertion and removal of a peripheral device from the bays of a portable computer system. The peripheral device may be inserted or removed when the portable computer system is powered off, powered on, or in standby or sleep mode. The peripheral device may be any one of a multitude of devices corresponding to the IDE, ATAPI or FLOPPY standard. Insertion or removal of the device is operating system and BIOS independent. A constantly executing detection process determines when a peripheral device has been inserted into or removed from a bay. A multilevel device driver allows layered functionality and simplified interfacing between the operating system and computer system and peripheral hardware. Identification and configuration of the peripheral device is handled by a IDE/ATAPI bridge device driver that is capable of recognizing any IDE, ATAPI or FLOPPY device inserted into a bay.

12 Claims, 7 Drawing figures

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Mar 14, 2000

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6038624 A

TITLE: Real-time hardware master/slave re-initialization

Detailed Description Text (7):

A plurality of Quick Connect switches 109 are also connected to the PCI bus 106. Upon detecting a docking sequence between the portable computer 80 and the base unit 90, the Quick Connect switches 109 couple the PCI bus 106 and the IRQSER bus 144 to an expansion PCI bus 107 and an expansion IRQSER bus 145 on the base unit 90. The Quick Connect switches 109 are series in-line FET transistors having low rds, or turn-on resistance, values to minimize the loading on the PCI buses 106 and 107 and the IRQSER buses 144 and 145.

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Dec 28, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6009486 A
TITLE: Cardbus docking station

Detailed Description Text (27):

The function consists of translating the type 0 Configuration Access Format AD[31::0] presented to the CardBus Card to the appropriate type for the addressed physical device on the docking station PCI Bus. Prior to redriving AD[31::0] signals onto the PCI Bus, the secondary master interface uses AD[10::8] as an index into a table stored at registers 302 (as discussed above with respect to FIGS. 3 and 8B). This will be referred to as the "translation table". The translation table provides the new bus number AD[23::16]; device number AD[15::11]; and function number AD[10::8]. All other AD signals are driven on the bus in a fashion that is controlled by a bridge not providing this new function. The appropriate configuration format type containing the translated values are then passed to the secondary bus master. The secondary bus master uses the new bus number, device number, and function number to generate the appropriate PCI bus transaction in the docking station and IDSEL signal as described in the well known PCI to PCI Bridge Architecture Specification Rev. 1.0.

CLAIMS:

4. A docking station according to claim 3 wherein the conversion logic analyzes the connected devices at the PCI bus to set up a table of correspondence between PCI devices and PC Card functions.

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File: USPT

Jan 26, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5864708 A

TITLE: Docking station for docking a portable computer with a wireless interface

Brief Summary Text (12):

The wireless communication may be established between the docking station and the portable computer in a variety of ways. For example, an optical cable may be used to connect the docking station to the portable computer. Alternatively, the docking station may include a flat pad on which is placed the portable computer. In one embodiment, the flat pad includes both an infrared transceiver and a low profile inductor. The low profile inductor is used to provide power to the portable computer.

Drawing Description Text (7):

FIG. 7 shows a docking station and a portable computer communicating using wireless communication and an optical fiber in accordance with another alternate preferred embodiment of the present invention.

Detailed Description Text (2):

FIG. 1 shows a block diagram of a docking station 62 which provides for wireless communication with a portable computer 61. A wireless transceiver 63 within portable computer 61 communicates with a wireless transceiver 64 within docking station 62. For example, communication is done using an Infrared Data Association (IrDA) standard infrared data link or some other protocol for optical communication. Alternate to optical transmission, other transmission media may be used. For example, radio frequency transmissions or other wireless transmission technology may be used in place of optical transmission.

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File: USPT

Jun 20, 2000

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 6076731 A

TITLE: Magnetic stripe reader with signature scanner

Detailed Description Text (25):

For point of sale transaction systems or other non-portable systems, scanned signatures may be uploaded to a mainframe computer or network after each image is scanned, or, alternatively, images may be stored in a data terminal memory for batch processing. For portable devices, where storage of obtained signatures input via a touch device is desired, it is preferable to provide sufficient memory for storage of the signatures for later batch processing. For example, in a mobile environment, it is preferable that the data terminal comprise sufficient memory for a given work shift or route. Data may likewise be stored on removable memory storage media. The data may be transferred by docking the unit in a docking station that allows data transfer. The docking station may be of the type that additionally recharges the data terminal's batteries. Such docking stations may likewise be mounted in a vehicle whereby the vehicle's power supply may provide data terminal recharging. Batch data transfer may be via an electrically conductive link such as a cable or modem, or the like, or via a wireless link, such as RF, IR, ultrasound, optical, including fiber optic, cellular links, or the like. When a vehicle dock is employed, the dock may provide a link to a high gain antenna for wireless transfer of data.

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US-PAT-NO: 6038624

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TITLE: Real-time hardware master/slave re-initialization

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ART-UNIT: 271

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ABSTRACT:

A computer system in which various system peripherals are automatically re-initialized after being hot-swapped. The reinitialization includes accommodation of any required master/slave relationships between the peripherals.

22 Claims, 4 Drawing figures

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Apr 6, 1999

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 5892930 A
TITLE: Target peripheral device detection

Detailed Description Text (36):
For example, the apparatus and method of the present invention has been described for use in a dual ISA bus system where, for example, a portable computer may dock with a docking station. However, the apparatus and method of the present invention may be applied to other types of computer systems where multiple ISA or other passive bus types may be used. Moreover, the apparatus and method of the present invention may be applied to so-called "plug and play" systems where it may be desirable to identify different peripheral devices on a passive bus systems such as an ISA bus. For example, a CPU could be programmed to poll all device addresses on an ISA bus and then detect the presence of ISA devices by detecting the transition of the data lines on an ISA bus from FF hexadecimal to another data value.

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This application is a division of application Ser. No. 08/466,627, filed Jun. 6, 1995.

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ABSTRACT:

An apparatus and method for identifying devices on a passive type bus such as an ISA bus where peripheral devices do not identify themselves to the host CPU. The apparatus and method of the present invention has particular application to systems where more than one passive (e.g., ISA type) bus may be implemented and a host CPU has no indication as to which bus a device is coupled to. The data lines of the bus are tied through a pull-up circuit to a logical high level voltage (V.sub.CC) such that, for example in a sixteen-bit data bus, the output data is FF hexadecimal. When a read request is generated on the bus, the bus controller detects whether the data on the bus changes from FF hexadecimal. If a change is detected, then the address device is present on that bus. If the addressed device outputs a data value of FF

hexadecimal, that data value is passed through as valid data.

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Detailed Description Text (52):

The normal sequence for inserting the portable computer into the docking station begins with the portable computer off and the docking station off. When the portable computer is inserted, its EverWatch microcontroller 260 detects the attempted docking by means of a sense pin in the 152-pin connector. Once it detects docking, controller 260 waits for the on/off button on the docking station or the 'on' key on the keyboard to be pressed. Once an 'on' signal is received, the computer is first powered up but MSC 207 is held in a reset mode, which in turn maintains the expansion bus in a quiescent state and keeps CPU 201 powered off. The EverWatch microcontroller 260 drives a power fail warning signal high, which turns on power supply 522 in the docking station. Microcontroller 260 waits until a+5 V Ext.sub.--Sense line goes high, which indicates that power has stabilized in docking station 500. Microcontroller 260 then takes MSC 207 out of its reset mode, allowing CPU 201 to be powered up. During this normal docking, the signal provided by clamshell switch 101 (see FIG. 4) is ignored by microcontroller 260. It should be noted that whenever motor 631 is running, PAL 690 generates a power failure warning signal which shuts off power supply 522. This guarantees that the docking station will be powered down during any docking attempt. Normal computer operations follow this initial power-up stage.

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ABSTRACT:

A first embodiment of the present invention comprises a housing for a docking station for use with a portable computer. The docking station provides the portable computer with increased display and data storage capabilities. In use, a portable computer is inserted into the docking slot of the docking station. Additionally, a large cathode ray tube display is placed on top of the housing for the docking station in typical user scenario. As docking and undocking must not be hindered by the presence of a large display on top of the housing for the docking station, the housing is provided with internally mounted cross beams that distribute the weight of the display around a computer supporting skeleton and through a set of support columns into the surface the housing for the docking station is resting upon. This reinforcing cross beams and columns structure allows the housing for the docking station to support without deformation relatively large displays without being excessive in weight or size.

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